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Atty. Docket No. DE920000055US1  
(590.080)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Frank et al.  
Serial No. : 09/997,957 Examiner : Huyen X. Vo  
Filed : November 30, 2001 Art Unit : 2655  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC  
SEPARATING AND INDEXING OF MULTI-SPEAKER  
CONVERSATIONS

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

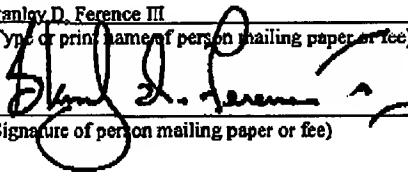
1. Extension of Time

- No extension of time is needed.
- Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

Previously submitted  
 Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.

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 Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Other Amendment Transmittal.

3. **Miscellaneous**

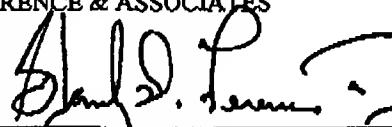
Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$790 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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